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U.S. – MALAYSIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA) NEGOTIATIONS

1. **“U.S. Malaysia FTA Negotiations”** by Barbara Weisel. Statement by Assistant USTR for Southeast Asia, Pacific & Pharmaceutical Policy. Penang, June 16 2006.

Assistant USTR Barbara Weisel noted, “the progress made this week has laid a strong foundation and positioned us well to conclude this negotiation by the end of this year.”

http://ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Transcripts/2006/June/asset_upload_file226_9567.pdf

2. **US-Malaysia FTA: Prospects for Economic Integration and Prosperity** by Howard Rosen. June 2006.

A slide presentation by Howard Rosen (visiting U.S. speaker), Executive Director of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Coalition, which advocates on behalf of workers and communities experiencing dislocations due to changes in international trade and investment.

3. **Korean, Malaysian Auto Barriers Pose Trade Negotiation Challenge.** Washington File, May 2 2006.

Stephen Collins, president of the Automotive Trade Policy Council and Jeffrey Schott, senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics comment on the challenges for the auto industry in the free trade agreement negotiations for both Korea and Malaysia.

http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/wf/wf0502_ftabarriers.htm

4. **“An FTA of the Future”** by Ambassador Christopher J. LaFleur. A Luncheon address sponsored by the Johor Corporation, Johor Bharu. April 27, 2006.

In his speech, Ambassador LaFleur emphasized that “benefits [of a Free Trade Agreement] would be considerable and, in fact, probably would be greater for Malaysia than for the U.S....For a \$12 trillion dollar economy like the U.S., the effect of an enhanced partnership with Malaysia would not be that noticeable....But for a \$118 billion dollar economy like Malaysia, the impact of a special economic relationship with the U.S. could be enormous.”

<http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/ambsp042706.htm>

5. **2006 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (Malaysia).** Office of the USTR.

In the notification to Congress about the President's intent to initiate negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Malaysia, the U.S. Trade Representative observed that “An FTA with Malaysia would advance President Bush's Enterprise for ASEAN initiative, under which the United States hopes to enhance our trade and economic ties to ASEAN countries, reinforcing a strong U.S.-ASEAN relationship, which is a force for stability and development in the Southeast Asia region.”

http://ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Reports_Publications/2006/2006_NTE_Report/asset_upload_file_647_9190.pdf

6. **“Free Trade Pact Would Strengthen U.S.-Malaysia Relations”** by Karan Bhatia. Remarks by the Deputy USTR, Kuala Lumpur. March 17, 2006.

In his remarks at a press conference in Kuala Lumpur, Deputy USTR Bhatia highlighted seven key areas where Malaysia would benefit in an FTA with the United States and concluded that it would also increase Malaysia’s ability to trade within an increasingly competitive global environment.

http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/wf/wf0320_fta_bhatia.htm

7. **An FTA With the U.S. Will Benefit Malaysia: Cementing Malaysia’s Key Economic Relationship.** U.S. Embassy, March 9 2006.

A fact sheet detailing how an FTA will support Malaysia’s national development goals and benefit consumers.

http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/FTA_factsheet.pdf

8. **Statement by the President on U.S.-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement** by George W. Bush. The White House, Washington, D.C. March 8, 2006.

U.S. President George W. Bush emphasized that “Once completed, a Free Trade Agreement with Malaysia will generate significant commercial, economic, political, and strategic benefits to both countries.”

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/03/20060308-10.html>

9. **U.S.-Malaysia Free Trade Negotiations.** Remarks by USTR Robert Portman, Malaysian International Trade Minister Rafidah Aziz, *et al.* Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. March 8, 2006.

This document presents remarks by Portman and Rafidah and also by several members of the Malaysia Caucus in the House of Representatives, including co-chairs, Congressmen Pete Sessions and Greg Meeks, and others who participated in the launch of the U.S.-Malaysia Free Trade Negotiations.

http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Transcripts/2006/March/asset_upload_file287_9147.pdf

10. **Free Trade Agreement: U.S. and Malaysia-Economic and Strategic Benefits.** Office of the USTR, March 8 2006.

Details of the salient gains for the United States under an FTA with Malaysia for U.S. exporters, manufacturers, the services and agricultural sectors, and how the Agreement will bolster the U.S. strategic economic and security partnership in Southeast Asia.

http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Fact_Sheets/2006/asset_upload_file802_9121.pdf

11. **Winners and Losers: Impact of the Doha Round on Developing Countries** by Sandra Polaski. Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, 2006.

According to this Carnegie study (on free international trade in goods), under the full trade liberalization model, all countries win.

<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/Winners.Losers.final2.pdf>

FTAs AND THEIR IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

12. **The Rise in Bilateral Free Trade Agreements** by Robert McMahon. Washington, DC: Council on Foreign Relations Backgrounder, June 13 2006.

In this Council on Foreign Relations Backgrounder, the author describes what is a free trade agreement, provides a brief on U.S. FTAs and examines how they have benefited the U.S. and its negotiating partners, and discusses their impact on the Doha Round.

http://www.cfr.org/publication/10890/rise_in_bilateral_free_trade_agreements.html#2

13. **“From Seattle to Hong Kong: Freeing Trade So Far”** by Jagdish Bhagwati. *Foreign Affairs*, December 2005.

Jagdish Bhagwati, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and Professor in economics and law at Columbia university provides a history of global attempts to free trade, discusses political realities which affect U.S. trade policymaking, presents the problems and prospects of the Doha round, and gives reasons why there will be some successes and some failures in efforts to liberalize trade.

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20051201faessay84701-p0/jagdish-bhagwati/from-seattle-to-hong-kong.html>

CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS

14. **Trade Agreements: Impact on the U.S. Economy** by James K. Jackson. June 1 2006.

This report presents an overview of the major trade agreements, discusses the production and consumption gains, adjustment costs and suggests the economic impact on the U.S.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/67843.pdf>

15. **U.S. International Trade: Data and Forecasts** by Dick K. Nanto and Thomas Lum. May 23, 2006.

Covers U.S. merchandise trade, current account balance, forecasts, and U.S. bilateral and sectoral trade balances.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/68297.pdf>

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